



**OSPD & MPDA**  
**SPRING PUBLIC DEFENDERS CONFERENCE**  
**Hollywood Casino ♦ Bay St. Louis, MS**  
**April 21-24, 2015**

**AGENDA**

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**Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

5:00pm – 8:00pm

**Public Defender Leaders Meeting (Dinner provided)**

**Leading & Supporting Our Fellow Defenders**

*Paul B. DeWolfe, State Public Defender  
Maryland Office of the Public Defender  
Baltimore, Maryland*

**Wednesday, April 22, 2015**

10:00am - 12:00pm

**Registration**

10:00am – 12:00pm

**MPDA Board Meeting**

12:00pm - 12:55pm

**Lunch (On your own)**

12:55pm – 1:00pm

**Welcome**

*Leslie Lee, State Public Defender  
Office of State Public Defender  
Jackson, Mississippi*

1:00pm - 2:00pm

**Criminal Law Update**

*Justin Cook, Assistant State Defender  
Office of State Public Defender, Indigent Appeals Division  
Jackson, Mississippi*

- 2:00pm - 3:00pm      **MDOC: 585 Implementation**  
*Marshall Fisher, Commissioner*  
*Mississippi Department of Corrections*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*
- David Scott, Special Assistant Attorney General*  
*Mississippi Attorney General's Office*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*
- 3:00pm – 3:15pm      **Break**
- 3:15pm – 4:15pm      **Caring For Our Clients In An Uncaring System**  
*G. Paul Marx, District Defender*  
*15<sup>th</sup> District Public Defender's Office*  
*Lafayette, Louisiana*
- 4:15pm – 5:15pm      **585 Question & Answer Panel**  
*Andre de Gruy, Director of Capital Defense Division*  
*Office of State Public Defender*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*
- Cliff Johnson, Director*  
*MacArthur Justice Center*  
*University, Mississippi*
- Jake Howard, Criminal Defense Attorney*  
*McDuff & Byrd*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*
- 5:15pm – 5:45pm      **MPDA Business Meeting & Elections**
- 6:00pm – 7:30pm      **MPDA Reception**

**Thursday, April 23, 2015**

- 7:00am – 9:00am      **Breakfast**
- 9:00am – 3:15pm      **Investigation Track**
- 9:00am – 10:15am      **Uncovering Evidence: Evaluating People and Circumstances**  
*Mackey Wright, Defense Investigator*  
*Northern District of Florida Federal Public Defender*  
*Pensacola, Florida*
- 10:15am – 10:30am      **Break**

10:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Interviewing Skills</b> <i>Regina Curry, Mitigation Specialist</i> <i>Office of State Public Defender, Capital Defense Division</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>  <i>Lela Hubbard, Mitigation Specialist</i> <i>Office of State Public Defender, Capital Defense Division</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>
12:00pm – 1:15pm	<b>Lunch (Buffet Tickets Available)</b>
1:15pm – 2:15pm	<b>Evaluating The State's Case</b> <i>Max Mayes, Defense Investigator</i> <i>Investigative Consulting, LLC</i> <i>Raymond, Mississippi</i>
2:15pm – 3:15pm	<b>Round Table Discussion: Investigation In Mississippi</b> <i>Beau Rudder, Director of Training</i> <i>Office Of State Public Defender, Training Division</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>
9:00am – 3:15pm	<b><u>Litigation Track</u></b>
9:00am – 10:15am	<b>Cross Examination: An Arena of Persuasion</b> <i>Bentley E. Conner, Criminal Defense Attorney</i> <i>Bentley Conner Attorney At Law</i> <i>Canton, Mississippi</i>
10:15am – 10:30am	<b>Break</b>
10:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Criminal Trial Practice: One Man's Approach</b> <i>William B. Kirksey, Criminal Defense Attorney</i> <i>Kirksey &amp; Associates, P.A.</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>
12:00pm – 1:15pm	<b>Lunch (Buffet Tickets Available)</b>
1:15pm – 3:15pm	<b>Pretrial Motions Practice</b> <i>William Montross, Senior Attorney</i> <i>Southern Center For Human Rights</i> <i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>
3:15pm – 3:30pm	<b>Break</b>

3:30pm – 4:00pm

**Mississippi Reentry Council**  
*Chief Justice William L. Waller, Jr.*  
*Mississippi Supreme Court*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*

4:00pm – 5:00pm

**A Story Of Reentry**  
*Gary Griffin, Investigator*  
*Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*

5:15pm – 6:15pm

**Training Committee & Public Policy Caucus**

**Friday, April 24, 2015**

7:00am – 9:00am

**Breakfast**

9:00am – 11:00am  
(*Ethics: 10am-11am*)

**Taking Care of Ourselves: Coping With Secondary Trauma**  
*Lori James-Townes, LCSW-C*  
*Chief of Social Work Services*  
*Office of the Public Defender*  
*Baltimore, Maryland*